

REMARKS

1. Section 3 of the Office Action contains an explanation why new Fig. 9 was not acceptable. Enclosed is a new Fig. 9 showing piston 21 displaced until collar 30 abuts against abutment surface 32, as mentioned by the Examiner. New Fig. 9 includes reference numeral 30 identifying the collar, reference numeral 32 identifying surface 32, and shows collar 30 abutting abutment surface 32 without a gap therebetween.

2. Section 4 of the Office Action recited objections to the original drawings. The items criticized in sections 3 and 4 are treated thusly:

A. New Fig. 9 shows piston 21 displaced until collar 30 abuts abutment surface 32.

B. Fig. 2 shows locking means 16 engaged with piston 21 at elements 33/33A, and new Fig. 9 shows element 33 in a disengaged position. Thus, Figs. 2 and 9 together show the locking means releasably engaged with the first external surface of the piston, as recited in claim 3. No change is required in Fig. 2.

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C. Fig. 2 shows external profile 18 engaged with profile 19, and revised Fig. 9 shows profile 18 disengaged from profile 19. Thus, Figs. 2 and 9 together show the external profile 18, both engaged and disengaged from matching profile 19 of the matching second surface, as recited in claim 7. No change is required in Fig. 2.

The case is in immediate condition for formal allowance.

The Examiner is asked to contact the below listed attorneys should anything further be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please enter the attached one (1) sheet of formal drawing, Figure 9, to replace previously proposed Figure 9.



ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

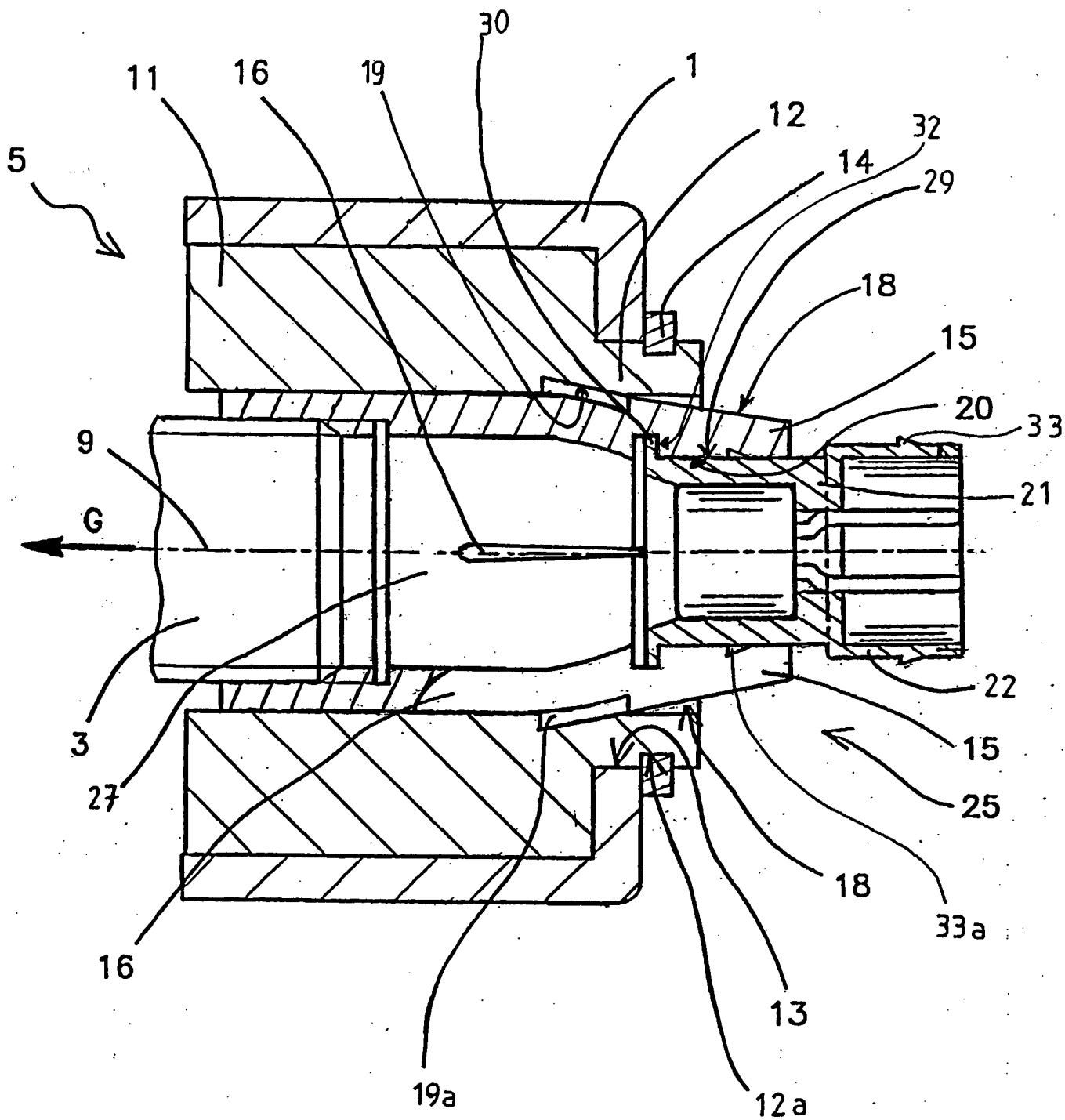


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